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**Allen Cooper, owner of Zanzibar, plans to appeal its city bylaw violation to the sign variance committee next week. He hopes to secure an exemption to advertise his business's services.** TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE FILE

# City hall trying to strip Zanzibar of its signage

BYLAWS

## Club flagged for 78-inch video screen at ground level

**David Hains**
Metro | Toronto

Yonge Street strip club Zanzibar is fighting city hall over its sign bylaw.

The club is one of hundreds of businesses that received a notice of violation over the past few months, but it isn't just accepting the rule.

It will appeal to the city's sign variance committee next week for an exemption to advertise the club's services on a 78-inch LED television that faces Yonge Street at ground level. The appeal does not affect the large neon sign above.

"I'm quite worried," said Zanzibar owner Allen Cooper, who compared his relationship to city hall to Fyodor Dostoyevsky's novel Crime and Punishment.

"We need all the advertising we can get," he said, adding that it has become increasingly difficult for the adult entertainment industry to advertise.

> **We need all the advertising we can get.**
> Allen Cooper

Cooper argues that Zanzibar has advertised in its front window in one way or another for about 60 years, and that the 2010 sign bylaw that prohibits storefront video advertising shouldn't apply.

But other businesses have complied with the city's sign bylaw without a hassle.

Robert Bader, a supervisor in the city's sign bylaw unit, said hundreds of notices have been sent out to businesses, and "well over 80 per cent" responded by removing their electronic signs.

Bader expects further appeals as more businesses challenge enforcement of the bylaw. At the same sign variance meeting, Scotiabank will argue to keep five video screens that appear at Scotia Plaza in the financial district.

But Coun. Kristyn Wong-Tam argued that the rules should apply equally to all businesses.

"I think the sign committee should uphold the bylaw," she said. Both Wong-Tam and Bader agree it's not about the content of Zanzibar's ad, which features scantily clad women and Rolls Royce hub caps, but the video format.

Cooper argued his business should be understood differently.

"A bank is not the same" as a strip club on Yonge Street, he said, arguing that businesses like his give Yonge some of its character. "I'm inclined to fight."

## Toronto DIGEST

TRANSIT

### 905 councillors fuming over Presto

Some councillors in the 905 region are fuming about a potential new deal for the Presto fare card system and are accusing the provincial transit agency of gouging smaller municipalities while giving Toronto a sweetheart deal. For the past year 905 municipalities have been in negotiations with Metrolinx over a new operating agreement for Presto. A deal has yet to be reached, but a report that went before the regional council of Durham Region last Wednesday revealed tentative terms of a potential 10-year deal. According to the report, by 2021 the seven transit agencies in the 905 could have to pay a commission to Metrolinx equal to up to 9 per cent of fare revenue they collect through Presto.

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TRAFFIC

### One dead, 29 injured in 30-vehicle pile-up

One person is dead and 29 people were taken to hospital after a 30-vehicle crash that caused a hazardous chemical spill on Highway 401, east of Kingston. The crash, involving up to 15 transport trucks and other vehicles, happened around 2 p.m. Tuesday, prompting police to evacuate the area, said Ontario Provincial Police Const. Sandra Barr. The hazardous material was identified as fluorosilicic acid, which can cause irritation to the nose, throat, respiratory system, swelling of the skin and severe eye irritation. The highway was still closed as of 8 p.m. in both directions around the accident site.

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LABOUR

### Bosses still in violation

Once burned, twice shy. So goes the age-old adage. But according to the Ministry of Labour's latest inspection blitz, it doesn't always apply to bosses breaking workplace laws. Almost three-quarters of employers with a "history of non-compliance" — the targets of the ministry's latest round of inspections — were revealed to be still violating employment standards.

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There's been a significant rise in interest in studying on Toronto campuses from U.S. students in the last year. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE FILE

# U.S. interest in T.O. universities spikes

EDUCATION

## Trump effect may mean 80% more Americans studying in city

May Warren
Metro | Toronto

Trump's America is seeing its own brain drain as far as international university students are concerned.

Ryerson and the University of Toronto have both seen an 80 per cent increase in applications from American students, the schools told Metro.

As of March 1, U of T has 1,791 U.S. applicants compared to 1,001 at this time in 2016.

There's also been a spike in applications from England, India, Mexico, the United Arab Emirates and Turkey at that institution.

At the same time, a separate survey released this week of 250 U.S. schools found 39 per cent reported a decrease in international applications. The highest declines were in applications from the Middle East.

Richard Levin, U of T's executive director of enrolment services and university registrar, said the school recruited in the U.S. long before Trump took office.

But he does think the new administration has played a part in the increase in both American students and those in other countries.

"A lot of people are looking to study in a diverse, tolerant and safe place and Canada and Toronto represent that," he said.

"I think Canada is now a very attractive destination for some people who previously would have been heading to the U.S," he added.

Andrew Farrelly, a 24-year-old recent American graduate of the university, said he's not surprised by the surge in applications.

"It's just this general climate of people being afraid of what's going to happen next," he said over the phone from the New York City area. "It's a distinct possibility that people will continue to be appalled by what's happening here and look further."

**BY THE NUMBERS**

**35%**
Percentage increase in student applications from England.

**62%**
Percentage increase in student applications from Mexico.

**53%**
Percentage increase in student applications from the United Arab Emirates.

**IN BRIEF**

**Ryerson looking at an expansion in Brampton**

Ryerson University is planning on expanding its campus to the city of Brampton.

Deb Matthews, minister of advanced education and skills development, confirmed on Tuesday that Ryerson — in partnership with Sheridan College — is the sole university to have submitted a formal expression of interest in expanding to Brampton, one of the fastest growing cities in Ontario.

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GOVERNMENT

## Tory lauds $8.6M invested in youth

The federal government's $8.6-million investment in a city youth employment program is a great example of how governments can work together to build a great city, Mayor John Tory says.

It's also a hopeful sign of things to come for Toronto in next week's federal budget, Tory said, reiterating his "fervent" hope to see "substantial investments for housing and transit."

Tory joined federal Employment, Workforce Development and Labor Minister Patty Hajdu and Liberal MP Adam Vaughan, who represents Spadina-Fort York, at Toronto City Hall for the announcement Tuesday.

In total, the Toronto Youth Corps will receive $11.6 million in funding over three years, including $2 million from the city and private sector, to provide job and skills training for more than 1,300 youth. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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# Eye candy for sweet-tooths

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**Metro photographer Eduardo Lima takes you through how it's done at Toronto's store.**

TEXT: **MAY WARREN,** PHOTOS: **EDUARDO LIMA**/METRO TORONTO

1 After all the ingredients boil for the right amount of time, Calandra Bond pours the mixture on the stainless-steel cooling table as her colleague Charlene Giasson looks on.

2 Bond and Giasson add colour. This has to be done before the candy cools down and hardens too much. After waiting a couple of minutes, they start to separate the colours.

3 Bond starts the hook stage, which consists of repeatedly throwing the candy over a hook for a few minutes. This adds air and gives the product its unique texture.

4 Bond and Giasson start rolling the coloured candy before it goes to the design table.

5 Bond and Giasson put together the different colours to create a daisy design. This stage takes around 20 to 25 minutes.

6 Bond holds the "log" that will be turned into small candies.

7 Bond rolls and stretches the candy. It's important to keep the candy moving so it doesn't get too hard.

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Pappabubble's store is at 3360 Yonge St. Find out more at papabubbleto.com.

8 Giasson begins to cut the candy into small rods on the rolling table.

9 Giasson begins the last stage of the process — the chopping. It takes a little more than an hour to make 6 kilograms, or 5,000 small pieces of candy.

10 Papabubble Toronto co-owner Catherine Chan holds the final, ready-to-eat product.

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INDIGENOUS

# ROM goes digital for the Indigenous

Gilbert Ngabo
Metro | Toronto

The Royal Ontario Museum is launching a digital learning initiative to make its programming more accessible to Indigenous students from remote parts of the province.

The new program, set to launch for the next school year, is an addition to the ROM's existing educational programming that engages Indigenous youth through onsite visits and travelling exhibitions. The goal is to reach 5,000 Indigenous students over a five-year period and give them direct access to the full museum experience.

"The idea is to use virtual technology to allow these students to connect with available collections of ancestral objects," said Wendy Ng, the museum's manager of learning.

"Many of them live far away and may never have a chance to visit the museum physically and learn about their heritage and culture."

The ROM is one of 15 organizations across the country that recently received donations from the Slaight Family Foundation to support programs involving youth in First Nations, Inuit and Metis communities.

In addition to providing digital access to its large collections of Indigenous history, the ROM's initiative will engage First Nations youth in the art of web and game production. Participating students will work on multimedia projects to enhance their visual literacy skills and showcase their creativity.

J'net Ayayqwayaksheelth, the ROM's Indigenous outreach and learning coordinator, said the availability of the museum's collection in a digital format is the best way to help young Indigenous people increase their sense of belonging.

"When they see their history here, they see themselves in a public institution and realize that they're not relics of the past," she said.

# Siri-ous problems

People will use Siri to find almost anything. She just might not give the right directions.

Apple's voice-activated search has been directing Toronto users who ask about prostitutes to a Little Italy bar that, owners say, is definitely not a place to find them.

Alvin Acyapan, co-owner of Meltdown eSports Bar on College near Ossington, says he began receiving mysterious calls shortly after the establishment's grand opening in November, with voices asking for escorts.

"I thought people were getting the wrong number or maybe it was a prank by someone listing our phone number on some unscrupulous website," said Acyapan.

Finally, on Sunday, a caller asking for "prostitutes" revealed that Siri had given him the number.

When asked in a series of tests to find "prostitutes," "escorts" and "hookers," Siri produced Meltdown's name, address, phone number and location on a map, each time.

Acyapan said he and the other owners guessed the mix-up may have been caused by the similarity of the words "eSports" and "escorts."

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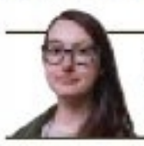
ENVIRONMENT

## U.S. proposal would make restoring the lake difficult



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Lake Ontario's health is "precarious" and President Trump's proposed Great Lakes funding cuts could dash hopes of restoring it, says Lake Ontario Waterkeeper.

With 90 per cent of coastal marshland wiped out in urban areas and bacteria rates from storm water and sewage pollution in Toronto Harbour spiking, the lake is at a crossroads, says Krystyn Tully, the charity's vice president.

"We need to be investing more money in more restoration, not cutting money and hoping for the best," Tully said.

The U.S. budget proposal is expected to slash 97 per cent of the funding from the $300 million program.

The program, started under George W. Bush, sparked a renaissance for lake restoration. The first big push started around the 1980s, Tully said, when trouble spots, such as Hamilton Harbour and Port Hope were identified. Repair work on those areas is still ongoing.

> **We need to be investing more money in more restoration**
> Krystyn Tully

The entire lake system — the largest surface freshwater ecosystem on Earth — would be affected by a cut.

It would also signal Washington's general disinterest in the lakes, say advocates, who argue other governments would need to step up to provide support.

Canada has never had a similar initiative although it's long been needed, said Tony Maas, manager of strategy for non-profit Freshwater Future.

Ontario's environment ministry would reach out to U.S. state-level counterparts to discuss joint funding efforts if need be, Minister Glen Murray's office confirmed to Metro News.

The cut, expected to be unveiled Thursday, would need to pass Congress before approval.

It's a crucial time, says Tully, with the next few years dictating "whether we see restoration of swimmable, drinkable, fishable water on the lake, or whether the decline that we've seen for the last century continues," she said.

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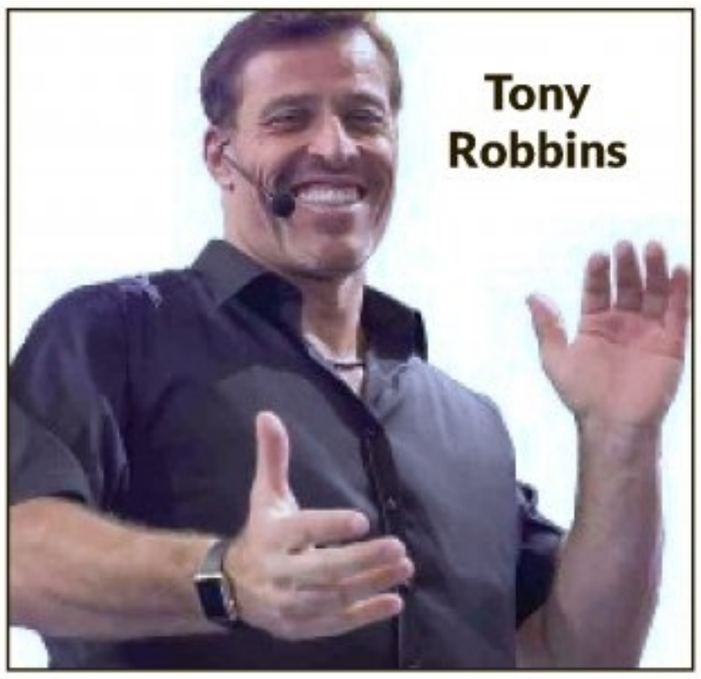


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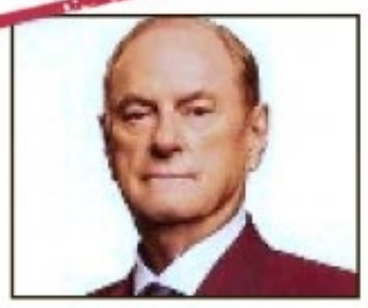

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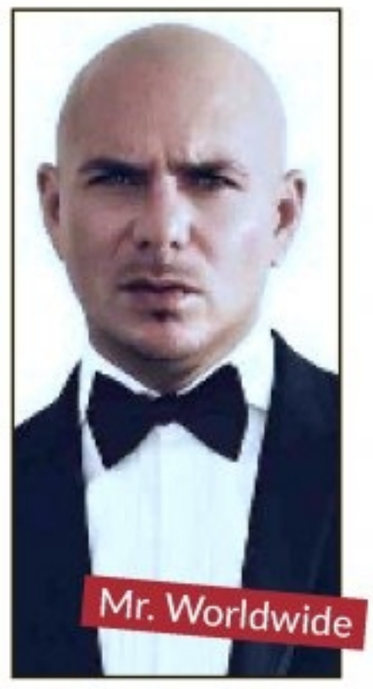


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# York students Hult finalists

HUMANITARIAN

## University team claims spot for helping refugees access Internet

York University students Akash Sidhu, Amal Naufer, Vasiliki Belegrinis and Joseph Truong are among the finalists for the 2017 Hult Prize for designing technology to extend internet access into refugee camps. CONTRIBUTED

Canada's reputation for humanitarian and compassionate handling of refugee issues is getting a boost from the results of a $1-million international competition that is sometimes dubbed the "Nobel Prize" for business students.

The theme of this year's Hult Prize, "Refugees — The Reawakening of Human Potential," focused on "restoring the rights and dignity of people and societies who may be, or are forced into motion due to social injustices, politics, economic pressures, climate change and war."

Earlier this month, Canadian universities won three of the six final spots out of 2,000 teams in the contest run by the Hult Prize Foundation, a not-for-profit organization. The contest is known as the world's largest student competition for producing the next wave of social entrepreneurs.

Teams from York University, the University of Waterloo and the University of Calgary won in semifinal rounds in Shanghai, London and Dubai respectively, and are in contention for the prize to build their own social enterprise and put their ideas into practice. The prize will be awarded in September.

"We are so honoured to know three of the six final teams are from Canada. We are so proud of that," said Vasiliki Belegrinis, 20, a third-year business student on the York's Team Empower. "This is a great opportunity to show the world Canada is a leader in social entrepreneurship."

The York team was formed in the fall by Akash Sidhu and his high school friend, Joseph Truong, both 21 and in their fourth year at the Schulich School of Business. Friends Amal Naufer and Belegrinis were later brought on board.

Naufer, 20, also in her third year at Schulich, said her parents left Sri Lanka and arrived in Canada via Saudi Arabia in 2001 to have a peaceful life and better future. Truong's parents were Vietnamese refugees in the 1970s and stayed in camps in Malaysia before they were resettled to Canada.

The team interviewed refugees connected through York's Centre for Refugee Studies and asked what dignity meant to them and what could be done to make them feel empowered.

> **This is a great opportunity to show the world Canada is a leader.**
> Vasiliki Belegrinis

"How they define dignity is having access to opportunity to take control of their lives," said Naufer. "Connectivity to the internet can facilitate their access to opportunity."

Through what is known as mesh technology, the York team hopes to provide stable and affordable internet access through wireless "mesh nodes" in refugee camps and large urban centres. The team wants to use the technology to distribute and share information on education, employment and health care among refugees.

Sidhu said the team spent 10 days in Shanghai and was thrilled with the exchange of ideas with competitors from around the world. Each team was required to make two 10-minute presentations before 16 judges and other contestants. "It was nerve-wracking but our message resonated with the judges," he said.

"This means a lot to us. We absolutely want to win. If we use the money effectively, we can make a difference in so many lives," said Truong.

The 2013 Hult Prize was won by a team from McGill University on its project to grow edible insects for food and the social enterprise operates in Ghana and the United States.

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COURT

## 'Unusual approach' criticized by judge at sex assault appeal

The "unusual approach" taken by Ontario Court Justice Marvin Zuker in convicting Mustafa Ururyar of raping fellow York University student Mandi Gray came under unusually harsh criticism from an appeal judge Tuesday.

During the appeal hearing of Ururyar's 2016 conviction, Superior Court Justice Michael Dambrot referred to Zuker twice as "lazy," accused him of "showing off," observed his reasoning appeared to be "unmoored," and once, after a lawyer quoted a confusing statement made by Zuker, simply heaved a dramatic sigh.

The central issue to be decided is whether Zuker's decisions to convict Ururyar and sentence him to 18 months in jail and his comments about the accused showed bias. But the hearing ended up spending time delving into what the role of a judge should be in a time of national public debate about how the justice system prosecutes cases.

Crown lawyer Danielle Carbonneau argued Zuker's lengthy commentary about rape myths, victim-blaming, the meaning of informed consent, trauma and the "need to understand the pressures of the legal system and create solutions that change cultural consciousness as well as law" stemmed from the current social context.

Zuker saw a need to inform and respond to the public and the media's concerns given that his decision came in the wake of the high-profile Jian Ghomeshi trial.

"These cases do lead the public to lose confidence in the administration of justice and so it is a pressing objective to try to instill confidence … that courts are not applying these outdated stereotypes," Carbonneau said.

Dambrot disagreed that Zuker took the right approach.

"Of course it is important to dispel myths, but you do that by deciding cases correctly and appropriately not by using your podium of reasons for judgment as a place for your own manifesto," he said. "It is dangerous thing. Judges judge. They should do it right. They should do it according to the principles that apply. And they should do it fairly in accordance with their oath."

Mandi Gray EDUARDO LIMA/METRO

> I'm annoyed and angry that he needed to pull this male hero type approach to the matter like he could alleviate all the problems of the justice system. Mandi Gray

Dambrot slammed Zuker for issuing a 55-page pre-written and printed sentencing decision immediately after hearing defence submissions and without considering defence materials.

If the conviction is overturned and a new trial is ordered a key issue in the appeal may also not be decided: whether it was appropriate for Zuker to order Ururyar to pay Gray $8,000 in legal fees for the lawyer she hired. If Dambrot decides to overturn the conviction on other grounds, he may not deal with the question at all. His decision is expected on June 8. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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# Small comforts of home

ASYLUM SEEKERS

## Somali men share their journey amid game of Ladu

Jessica Botelho-Urbanski
For Metro | Winnipeg

Elmi and Sharmarke met while walking to Emerson, Man. and are now staying at the Winnipeg Salvation Army as they await their refugee board hearings. JESSICA BOTELHO-URBANSKI/FOR METRO

For refugee claimants arriving in Winnipeg, a board game made out of a bed sheet brings comfort while they stay at a homeless shelter.

Elmi, 35, and Sharmarke, 29, fled Somalia separately and met while on route to Emerson, Man. on March 1.

The Manitoba border town has seen more than 200 asylum seekers arrive since Jan. 1, according to data provided by the RCMP last week.

Elmi and Sharmarke are now staying temporarily at the Salvation Army Booth Centre, where as many as 90 refugee claimants have stayed per night since mid-February. That's the maximum number the Salvation Army can handle space-wise, said spokesman Sgt. Rob Kerr. Those staying at the homeless shelter have sketched a game called Ladu onto a bed sheet in pen.

The sheet is strewn across the dining room table in the second-floor common area.

The object of the game, they explain, is to move all your tokens around the board and find safety at the centre. You roll the dice (in this case, inside a plastic water bottle lid à la Yahtzee) and then move the allotted number of spaces while trying to evade your opponents.

"If we stayed in the United States, we don't have visas for the United States because of the new President Trump. That is why I run — because Donald Trump will do deportation," said Sharmarke during a Ladu game Friday. Asked if they spent much time in the U.S. before heading north, Elmi said he spent a "long time" in a detention centre in Nebraska. "Five hundred days," he repeated thrice for emphasis.

Not wanting to get detained, Sharmarke said he fled Minneapolis, Minn. after four months.

Now the former tomato and corn farmers want to move to Toronto, where Canada's Somali population is most concentrated.

Still, they have many questions about their new homeland: What's the name of the river? How long is it? Where's the hottest place in Canada? As for this latter question, they would like to move there because they hate Winnipeg's snow.

Elmi wins the 40-minute round of Ladu, while a half-dozen refugee claimants sit in the living room. They're watching Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale talk about their border crossings on TV.

**ACTION**

The Immigration and Refugee Board is doing its best to cope with a growing number of asylum claims in Canada, but the federal Liberals must take action as well, the head of the IRB says.

HUMAN RIGHTS

## Islamophobia on the rise nationwide

Ryan Tumilty
Metro | Ottawa

From a man shouting at Muslims on a OC Transpo bus, to a deliberate fire at a Toronto mosque, to the shooting death of six men at evening prayers in Quebec City, the National Council of Canadian Muslims is tracking a worrying upward trend in hate incidents.

The council, which has been tracking Islamophobic incidents across the country for five years, has recorded 20 incidents in 2017 so far, up considerably from the same time frame a year ago.

"Last year around this time we had 10 incidents of Muslim hate," said Sehrish Amjad, a human rights officer with the NCCM.

In total, the NCCM recorded 65 incidents in 2016 up from 59 in 2015. In all of 2014, they recorded 23 incidents and in 2013 they recorded just 12.

Amjad said some of the rise could be due to more reporting, but they believe U.S. President Donald Trump's divisive rhetoric is also fuelling the increase.

"It's hard to say for sure, definitely it may be the case that people are reporting more, but we know hate crimes are still one of the most underreported types of crimes."

She said the incidents the NCCM tracks are reported to them, but are also confirmed with police or media reports.

"It shows that Islamophobia is an issue in our society and it needs to be condemned and it needs to be studied."

**20** The National Council of Canadian Muslims has received 20 reports of Islamophobic incidents so far in 2017. Over the same period last year, the number was 10.

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# Trump to change climate policy

ENVIRONMENT

## Advocates fear assault on green laws and regulations

Scott Pruitt is sworn in as the EPA Administrator in Washington on Feb. 17, 2017. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

President Donald Trump is moving to roll back another one of his predecessor's strict environmental policies, setting up a possible dilemma for Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and again demonstrating his intention to free big companies from regulations on pollution and climate change.

The early words and deeds from Trump and his Environmental Protection Agency chief have provoked deep alarm among environmental advocates, who fear an unprecedented and world-damaging assault on green laws and rules. Tuesday validated their fears, and the week might get worse for them yet.

Trump's plan to abandon a Barack Obama commitment on car standards was announced by a White House official in the evening. Seven hours earlier, the Axios news website reported that the administration was discussing EPA cuts even deeper than the 25-per-cent cut it has already floated. In between, Bloomberg reported that Trump is planning to sign a "sweeping directive" that would not only begin the process of lifting Obama's restrictions on coal leasing and emissions from power plants but also "dramatically shrink the role climate change plays in decisions across the government."

"In terms of our overall environmental program, both domestically and globally, I don't think there is any threat that has occurred since the creation of the Environmental Protection Agency which is so severe. I think this is perhaps the singular most important crisis so far in the 50-year-or-so history," said Walter Rosenbaum, a Florida environmental scholar who served as a special assistant at the EPA in the early 1990s.

The White House official said Trump on Wednesday will announce in Detroit that he is abandoning a decision Obama's administration made in its waning days to require automakers to meet a stringent fuel-economy standard by 2025.

Automakers had lobbied Trump to take another look at the 54.5-miles-per-gallon standard, which was introduced in 2012 but not immediately finalized. Trump's EPA will now take a year to study whether the standard still makes sense, as the Obama administration originally said it would do.

The decision doesn't necessarily mean dirtier cars. The official said Trump has not yet decided to lower the standard. Even if he eventually does, automakers would "probably" still choose to make vehicles that met the stricter standard set by big-market California, said Rebecca Lindland, executive analyst for Kelley Blue Book.

Trump's EPA chief, Scott Pruitt, caused an uproar when he said he did not believe carbon emissions are the main driver of global warming, though they are. And a draft Trump budget would slash U.S. funding for Great Lakes restoration from $300 million to $10 million.

Trump has long rejected science on global warming. And he has made no secret of his disdain for the assertive Obama-era environmental policy many Republicans call improper overreach.

In one of his first moves in office, he issued an order to pave the way for the approval of the Keystone XL oil pipeline. In February, he ordered the replacement of an Obama clean-water rule opposed by farmers. He has not yet decided what to do on the global Paris climate agreement he promised to "cancel."

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LEAK

## President's tax returns from 2005 released

The White House said Tuesday that President Donald Trump made more than $150 million in income in 2005 and paid $38 million in income taxes that year.

The acknowledgement came as MSNBC host Rachel Maddow said she has obtained part of Trump's 2005 tax forms, and prepared to discuss the document on her show.

The records have become highly sought-after because Trump refused to release his returns during the campaign. He claimed he was under audit and said his attorneys had advised against it.

The White House pushed back pre-emptively Tuesday night.

"You know you are desperate for ratings when you are willing to violate the law to push a story about two pages of tax returns from over a decade ago," the White House said.

The unauthorized release of federal tax returns is a criminal offence. But Maddow argued that MSNBC was exercising its First Amendment right to publish information in the public interest.

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A Syrian girl stands in front of her damaged school, in Idlib, north Syria. A UN commission said Tuesday it believes government forces deliberately bombed a school in the country's northern region in October, killing 21 children.
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ELECTION

# Dutch head to the polls with much at stake

The Netherlands goes to the polls Wednesday in elections for the 150-seat lower house of parliament. A look at the key players and issues:

**WHAT'S AT STAKE?**

The election is seen as a test of far-right populism ahead of national elections in far bigger European nations, France and Germany, where populists also are polling strongly. In the Netherlands, it's about what kind of coalition will run the country for the next four years and whether anti-Islam lawmaker Geert Wilders can win enough seats to force his way into coalition talks.

**WHO'S IN THE RUNNING?**

Prime Minster Mark Rutte of the right-wing VVD party holds a narrow lead in polls over Wilders' Party for Freedom. But while Rutte is leading, his party is set to lose seats and Wilders looks likely to increase the size of his parliamentary bloc compared to five years ago. But other parties also are making gains - including the increasingly right-wing Christian Democrats, the pro-European Union liberal democrats D66, and the left-wing Green Left party led by 30-year-old Jesse Klaver. The voters are spoiled for choice in the country's splintered political landscape: A total of 28 parties are fielding candidates.

**WHAT ARE THE ISSUES?**

Wilders' anti-Islam, anti-European Union platform and the reaction of mainstream parties to his one-page manifesto have dominated campaigning. Wilders wants to close Dutch borders to immigrants from Muslim countries, shut mosques and ban the Qur'an, as well as take the Netherlands out of the EU.

**SO WHEN DO THE DUTCH GET A NEW GOVERNMENT?**

Don't hold your breath. This could take a while. Polls suggest no obvious left or right-leaning majority coalition will emerge, meaning lengthy negotiations between party leaders to hammer out a new constellation to lead the country is likely.
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Idlib school bombing a war crime: Report

SYRIA

## Government's bombing was deliberate: UN

A UN investigative commission said Tuesday it believes government forces deliberately bombed a school complex in the country's northern countryside in October, killing 21 children, in a scathing report on crimes committed over the last seven months of the Syrian war.

The UN's Independent International Commission of Inquiry on Syria said government forces and their allies had shown a "complete disregard for civilian life and international law" through continued use of cluster munitions, incendiary weapons and chlorine gas as weapons of war.

It also fingered an al-Qaida-aligned insurgent group fighting on the side of Syria's rebels and a U.S.-backed Kurdish group for conscripting adolescents for combat.

**AID**

Trucks carrying food and other aid began entering four besieged areas in Syria on Tuesday for the first time in months, offering hope to tens of thousands of residents.

The commission said the Oct. 26 attack on the Haas village school complex in the rebel-held province of Idlib constituted a war crime.

It said the Syrian air force is the only one known to operate the jets identified in the attack, which was widely reported at the time.

The findings came the same day that a Physicians for Human Rights report accused the Syrian government of wilfully denying international shipments of food and medicine to millions of Syrians in besieged areas. The Syrian government and its ally Russia maintain they are fighting terrorism. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## GLOBAL DIGEST

**Fight against online hate**
Germany's justice minister is proposing fines of up to 50 million euros ($53 million) for social networking sites that fail to swiftly remove illegal content, such as hate speech or defamatory "fake news." The plan marks a further step in Germany's attempt to impose its domestic laws against incitement on the world of online chatter. AP

**Anti-headscarf ruling facing criticism**
Private businesses in Europe can forbid Muslim women in their employ from wearing headscarves if the ban is part of a policy of neutrality within the company and not a sign of prejudice against a religion, the EU Court of Justice said. Such a ban doesn't constitute "direct discrimination." Critics voiced fears that the decision risks becoming a setback to all working Muslim women. AP

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JESSICA ALLEN ON PALTROW AND PSEUDOSCIENCE

# How could a magazine with the word 'health' in it promote a person who promotes decidedly unhealthy things, like vaginal steaming?

Gwyneth Paltrow looks pretty great in a red bikini on the April issue of Women's Health. But wherever the Goop founder goes, she is not only followed by cold-pressed juice and bergamot-cedar incense, but also controversy.

People, including those in the medical community, are outraged not because one of the bolded cover lines "Get. Her. Abs." in "just 3 moves" is a flat-out lie (tried it), but on account of an interview with the wellness guru titled "Gwynergy!"

How could a magazine with the word "health" in it promote a person who promotes decidedly unhealthy things — like vaginal steaming, and questionable practises like cupping — and not even hold her to account for her medically unsubstantiated beliefs?

There is literally an entire book dedicated to Paltrow's peddling of pseudoscience: Timothy Caulfield's Is Gwyneth Paltrow Wrong About Everything?: When Celebrity Culture and Science Clash. The professor of health law and science policy at the University of Alberta recently told Gizmodo: "It's disappointing that a magazine called 'Women's Health' is embracing this science-free nonsense!"

The thinking goes: They should've known better. But maybe we should have, too.

For starters, a high school student could find the red flags: first, the interview was conducted by Paltrow's employee, Jean Godfrey-June, Goop's beauty director. No wonder she didn't press her boss on the vagina steaming. And that it reads like an advertorial hawking Goop's new line of supplements.

Second, in the interview's sidebar, titled "What's supp, doc?," an MD evaluates those supplements. But the doctor dabbles in so-called functional medicine, a controversial form of alternative medicine whose most famous practitioner, Mark Hyman, regularly appears on The Dr. Oz Show.

Paltrow graces the April cover of Women's Health, angering some who say she is peddling pseudoscience with her Goop brand. AP

"Gwyneth and Goop do push things like real food, sleep and exercise, which is fantastic," Caulfield told Gizmodo. "But it is always wrapped in a blanket of pseudoscience."

Buy the $72 scented candle, the $195 Energy Clearing Kit that includes a feather fan and "1 shungite stone," and detox everything from your body save for your soul. But be weary of the Goop interview with a doctor who says: "I have yet to see an autoimmune disease that cannot be cured or put into remission by simple dietary changes and supplementation." (Tell that to my mother, who has Lupus.)

And since when did we consider Women's Health an arbiter of health science? Thirteen pages after Paltrow's "interview," a spread called "Practical Magic" provides tips on how women can tackle their health and beauty all in one go: facials plus healing crystals, laser hair removal and Reiki. It makes another cover line on the issue,"How to Spot Fake Health News," all the more ironic.

Women's Health, whose founding editor was formerly of Teen People, is not a health journal. They promote alternative medicines, like acupuncture and chiropractics, and fad diets and workouts — think bone broth and Mama June's routine. So to feign shock over an interview in which Gwyneth says she wants to get to the bottom of why women are so exhausted (I have a few theories) and why she is "really interested in the impact of heavy metals and parasites on our bodies," seems pretty rich.

But things get richer. Compare the two April covers of Women's and Men's Health. Both target weight loss and how to get a ripped bod. Women get a "Sexy, Easy Hair" cover line and men get: "Lean, Tough, Fit!" Women get that spread on Goop's new supplements and men get a special report on "Is your supplement toxic?"

It's a solidly scientific topic. Medical studies, op-eds and reporting brought the issue of Big Vitamin taking on regulators to light. You couldn't pick up a paper or turn on a TV in 2013 without reading about not just the ineffectiveness of vitamin supplements but also their inherent dangers.

Pseudoscience is pushed on women all the time in the most inauspicious places. Take Saks Fifth Avenue's glossy Spring 2017 catalogue: Women are treated to a five-page spread on what jeans you should buy based on your zodiac sign, which lead me to ask two questions: How are men supposed to know what style of denim to wear? And why are they always targeting us with this garbage?

I can't answer the first question. But the second is obvious: we buy into it. Recent polls suggest that more women than men believe in astrology, take vitamins and supplements, and put stock in alternative medicines. But that for decades the media has hocked pseudoscience to women specifically makes the practice more complicated.

It's easy to laugh at Sean Spicer for not being media-savvy enough to know that The Onion is a satirical website. But whose fault is it if Gwyneth on the cover of a women's health magazine doesn't sound any alarms? Who's to blame for the orgasm-improving $60 jade eggs that you stick into your vagina selling out on goop.com? For the 4,000-strong waiting list to secure one?

I'd like to blame the patriarchy, but I don't think it holds much sway over Goop. And even if the patriarchy came before the jade egg, I don't blame Gwyneth. She's just the messenger.

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VICKY MOCHAMA

# Spoiler alert: It's your fault for not keeping up, not mine

Whether it is Romeo and Juliet, Harry Potter or the video for Call Me Maybe, I do not believe in spoilers.

A spoiler is a plot point that tells you how a story's narrative progresses or ends. For example, knowing the line "I see dead people" is kind of a spoiler for the movie The Sixth Sense.

Among civilized people, you're not supposed to spoil the plot. Tell someone that Matthew dies in Downton Abbey and you end up yelling at them that it aired five years ago while they pout about it. Half a decade apparently wasn't enough time for them to get caught up on a season three plot-point in a six-season TV show. Spoiler alert: the show goes on without him.

You can't talk about any cultural touchstone without providing a spoiler. I was describing Carmen, the opera, to someone when I found myself saying, "Spoiler alert: Carmen dies." Carmen has been performed at least a dozen times (give or take) since it debuted in 1875. Believe me, it ruins nothing of Bizet's magnificent score to say Carmen meets her end. Also, it's an opera: someone important has to die. It's opera law!

I find that as long as you don't tell people how and in exactly what order, the knowledge of the plot can actually increase the story's enjoyment. In 2011, researchers at UC San Diego found that people still enjoy texts even when they know major plot points and how the story end. Their research found that participants actually enjoyed stories more when the plot had been spoiled for them.

Knowing the ingredients of a meal doesn't ruin it for you; rather, it gives you some flavours to look forward to.

And at this point, there is just too much culture. We can't tiptoe around plots because other people were "busy" at their "jobs" or whatever. Sometimes you just have to say: The world doesn't end in X-Men: Apocalypse.

Writers have some responsibility. In 2008, culture news and criticism website Vulture established its own statute of limitations for spoilers: it allows for unmarked spoilers in the text of an article on the Monday after a movie opens, but writers have to wait a month before putting spoilers in headlines. There are different rules for books and reality TV shows.

All of that is way too complicated. For my personal policy, however, I'll be reasonable. I will give you 24 hours. If within 24 hours, you have not viewed, read or listened to a piece of culture then you have not made it a priority.

Being into culture is a lot like texting while dating: if you don't get to it within a day, you were never that into it.

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# Disney late to the ball on equality

CULTURE

## 'Gay moment' in Beauty and the Beast falls short for many

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LeFou, played by Josh Gad, (right) with leading man Gaston, played by Luke Evans. CONTRIBUTED

There's a moment at the end of Disney's live-action remake of Beauty and the Beast where the villain's chubby sidekick LeFou starts dancing with a man in drag. Though it lasts only a few seconds, it's been called a watershed moment for the entertainment conglomerate, and LeFou has been dubbed "Disney's first gay character."

Just as swiftly, it was ruled "adults-only" material in Russia and an Alabama drive-in declared it wouldn't screen the film. But even non-homophobes don't like it.

If LeFou's errand is to be the champion of the "love is love" generation of marriage equality and LGBTQ rights, for many Disney watchers he has not only failed, but is proof gay characters still can't crack the mainstream without a tired old stereotype being applied. For some, a bad representation is worse than no representation at all.

"At this point in 2017, praising a large corporation for doing the least possible in terms of including LGBTQ characters is a bit ridiculous," says Jensine Jones, a Toronto podcaster who identifies as queer.

The film's openly gay director Bill Condon called it "a nice, exclusively gay moment" in an interview with Attitude magazine.

As characters gather for the ballroom celebration scene, LeFou begins dancing with a woman. Soon he transitions into the arms of a man named Stanley, who we met earlier when Stanley and two other men are suddenly clothed in dresses and makeup by an enchanted wardrobe. The other men are aghast, but Stanley smiles, delighted with the cross-dressing.

In the ballroom, LeFou and Stanley don't back away from each other, instead they continue to dance.

"It's a little too late, and a little too little, but it's better than nothing," says Nicholas Sammond, an associate professor of cinema studies at the University of Toronto. Though the small moment has caused a "hullabaloo" online, it's the hullabaloo that counts, he says.

> **At this rate, we'll have enough for a full-on feature in right about the time we've all moved to Mars**
> Filmmaker John Greyson

"As with many things Disney, the conversation around it is probably as important as the event itself," says Sammond. "Particularly as we enter the era of Trump, it's good to have conversations about the degree to which representations of gay characters are positive and move us toward a more inclusive society."

That was the discussion in 2009 surrounding Disney's The Princess and the Frog, featuring the studio's first black princess. Though some dubbed it "unforgivably late" and "one-dimensional," others called the film "barrier-breaking."

"Even if it's this small, tiny scene that recognizes a character like LeFou is gay or questioning, I think that is a step forward," says Andrew Murphy, director of programming for Toronto's queer film festival Inside Out. He acknowledges the history of feminized baddies in film from characters including Scar in The Lion King. "The Hollywood trope of the effeminate villain is a tale as old as time."

Queer Toronto actor Emily Schooley isn't sure she'll pay the price of admission to find out if LeFou (translation: "the fool") is portrayed in a better way than a "bumbling yes-man" yearning for Gaston, the film's pompous heterosexual bad boy. She suspects it is simply more of the same "queer-baiting," where a gay character is added to attract queer audiences, but is promptly killed off or pushed aside.

Filmmaker John Greyson notes some other brief queer moments in mainstream film: the "3.5 seconds of gay Sulu" in Star Trek Beyond, the "suddenly gay" Cary Grant in the 1938 comedy Bringing Up Baby.

"At this rate, we'll have enough for a full-on feature in right about the time we've all moved to Mars," jokes Greyson.

Some argue the LeFou storm is much ado about nothing and "it's just Disney," but for U of T's Sammond, that position is weak.

"When people say 'it's just Disney' they're ignoring a history that, for anxious parents in particular, is really significant," he says. "Disney has built its reputation as being good for children."

When new movies come out, parents often ask, will this be better for children's self-image?

The effect media has on children's lives is "notoriously impossible to gauge," says Sammond, but that doesn't mean moments like LeFou's gay dance should be brushed off.

"What matters more is that people believe it (affects their kids) and they bring that idea to their viewing of Disney films," he says. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

### MALAYSIA CENSORS SCENE

Walt Disney has shelved the release of Beauty and the Beast in mainly Muslim Malaysia, even though film censors said Tuesday it had been approved with a minor cut involving a "gay moment."

The country's two main cinema chains said the movie has been postponed indefinitely. Film Censorship Board chairman Abdul Halim Abdul Hamid said he did not know why the film was postponed as it was approved by the board after a minor gay scene was axed.

He said scenes promoting homosexuality were forbidden and that the film was given a P13 rating, which requires parental guidance for children under 13 years of age. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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# Get Out's scary good run continues

TRENDS

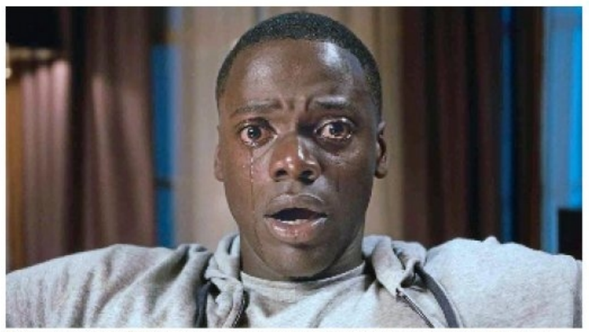
## Social horror rides Trump effect to blitz the box office

There have been monster gorillas and sharp-clawed superheroes at the box office this month, but the biggest beast of them all has been Jordan Peele's $4.5 million, race-exploding thriller Get Out.

In just 16 days, Peele's low-budget self-described "social horror" film has already crossed the $100 million mark. While Get Out, made by Blumhouse Productions and released by Universal Pictures, doesn't match the hefty global totals of Logan or Kong: Skull Island, few films can touch its extreme profitability — or its firm grip of the zeitgeist.

"Get Out isn't a Redbox, VOD, iTunes movie," Peele said recently. "If you don't see it with the theatre energy, you'll miss the full intended experience."

And moviegoers have taken the advice. Get Out made $21.1 million in its third weekend, according to studio estimates Sunday, bringing its total to $111 million. Whereas most movies — especially horror films — drop considerably after opening weekend, Get Out has barely slipped. It dropped about 15 per cent after its first weekend, and 25 per cent after its second.



Get Out passed the $100 million mark last weekend, reaching that milestone in 16 days. AP

Get Out, which is the directorial debut of the former Key and Peele star, first led the box office the same weekend Moonlight won best picture at the Academy Awards. It also follows the spectacular success of the Oscar-nominated Hidden Figures, which has made more than $160 million since its debut.

For those who still cling to the old stereotype that films led by black actors are limited at the box office, 2017 is making an already difficult to defend notion downright ridiculous. And Get Out has done it without a big name; it stars British actor Daniel Kaluuya as an African-American photographer whose white girlfriend (Allison Williams) brings him home to meet her family.

"It's time to put to bed the idea that movies with any kind of cast don't perform at the box office. The only thing audiences care about is whether a movie is good or not," says Paul Dergarabedian, senior media analyst for comScore. The success of Get Out, Dergarabedian says, has been driven by its quality (at 99 per cent fresh on Rotten Tomatoes, it's the best-reviewed film of the year), its capacity to entertain and its ability to remain in the conversation. "You can't just put this movie in a box," he says.

And audiences have been notably diverse, with 39 per cent black, 36 per cent white and 17 per cent Latino on opening weekend.

In some ways, Get Out — where deep and violent racism is papered over by smiles and protests of liberal enlightenment — suggests the movie theatre is already a different place since before Donald Trump's presidency. Peele conceived of his movie years ago as a rebuke to the Obama-era idea of a post-racial America, but it has struck many as an unusually timely film.

"Get Out shows how the public racism of (the civil rights era) has hidden itself by burrowing like a ravenous tapeworm into the bowels of America, growing fatter each year as it feeds off good intentions and bad faith," Kareem Abdul-Jabbar wrote in a Hollywood Reporter column that called Get Out 'Invasion of the Black Body Snatchers' for the Trump era.

The comedy website FunnyOrDie made even more direct parallels, re-cutting the film's trailer to put Trump — who has defended himself as "the least racist person that you ever met" — in the father's role and Ivanka as the daughter. It's been watched by more than 3.6 million times. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

### "TOO BLACK"

**Kaluuya responds on role**

Daniel Kaluuya, star of Get Out, has responded to Samuel L. Jackson's suggestion that a black American actor ought to have played his part. Kaluuya expressed admiration for Jackson but disagreed, saying he's had to wrestle with people calling him "too black." He said: "When I'm around black people, I'm made to feel 'other' because I'm dark-skinned."

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JOHANNA SCHNELLER WHAT I'M WATCHING

# A dose of ordinary family chaos

**THE SHOW:** BBC World Broadcast Skype interview (YouTube)
**THE MOMENT:** The giddy interruption

Dr. Robert E. Kelly tries to keep his giddy invaders at bay during his BBC interview. YOUTUBE

Have you bookmarked this one? Dr. Robert E. Kelly, an American who's an associate professor of international relations at Pusan National University in South Korea, is in his home office talking via Skype to the BBC. The news is serious: South Korea's president has been ousted.

"Scandals happen all the time," Kelly says. "The question is, how do democracies respond?"

His office door flies open. A child in a yellow sweater struts in, elbows rocking, a strut for the ages.

"I think one of your children's just walked in," the interviewer says. Without looking, Kelly reaches back and stiff-arms the kid, who calmly peels what looks like string cheese.

Then a baby in a squeaky walker wheels in. Followed immediately by Kelly's wife, who skids through the doorway, grabs each kid by the wrist and hauls them out, knocking books off the desk.

Kelly's eyes close briefly, but he keeps talking, as does the interviewer, British to his core. Finally Mrs. Kelly, on her hands and knees, reaches up and pulls the door shut.

Of course this thing immediately went viral. It's 40 seconds of joy. There's the interruption in three acts. There's dad, Buster-Keaton-calm. There's the strong-arm, the string cheese, the squeaking, the skid. Any one of those things would have made it internet gold.

But it's also a perfect metaphor for this moment, when every day brings us news crazier than we could imagine. A dose of ordinary family chaos — simultaneously mirroring our mood, yet grounding us — is just what we needed.

Johanna Schneller is a media connoisseur who zeroes in on pop-culture moments. She appears Monday through Thursday.

BROADWAY

# Trudeau to take in Come From Away

Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau plans to be in New York on Wednesday for a Broadway play about Newfoundlanders who opened their doors to thousands of passengers who descended on the town of Gander the day U.S. airspace was shut on 9/11.

More than 200 flights were diverted to Canada. Little-used Gander became the second busiest airport, taking in 38 flights. The 6,600 passengers arrived without warning on the town of 10,000.

Canadians took care of the stranded passengers for days. Americans say they experienced overwhelming kindness.

It's now a musical called Come From Away that has won critical raves. It opened Sunday at the Gerald Schoenfeld Theater.

Trudeau spokeswoman Andree-Lyne Halle said Tuesday the prime minister and his wife look forward to showing New Yorkers "Canada at its best."

"We embrace the opportunity to highlight how we are there for each other in times of need," she said.

Flight crews quickly filled Gander's hotels, so passengers were taken to schools, fire stations and church halls. The Canadian military flew in 5,000 cots. Stores donated blankets, coffee machines, barbecue grills. Unable to retrieve their luggage, passengers became dependent on the kindness of strangers, and it came in the shape of clothes, showers, toys, banks of phones to call home free of charge, an arena that became a giant walk-in fridge full of donated food.

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau is Broadway-bound. GETTY IMAGES

Once all the planes had landed or turned back to Europe, Gander's air traffic controllers switched to cooking meals in the building nonstop for three days. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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# Buttery scones that are fit for a saint

RECIPE

## Moist and flaky Irish variation best served up with salty fish

Is it not enjoyable to take advantage of another culture's holiday to explore new recipes and treat yourself to something delicious? It is. And is St. Patrick's Day not right around the corner? As the Irish might say, 'tis.

Moist, biscuit-y Irish scones, lashed with rich butter and a few slices of smoked salmon, top many lists of Irish culinary yearnings this March 17.

European-style butter makes a big difference in this dish; it has a slightly higher butterfat content than everyday supermarket butter. If you're sticking close to the theme, look for good Irish butter.

As with biscuits or really any quick bread, the less you handle the dough, the better. Over-mixing or kneading will activate proteins in the flour, toughening your resulting baked goods. The dough might seem sticky; just work quickly and make sure your work surface is well dusted with flour. Lightly dust the top of the dough, too, so your fingers won't stick to it.

These scones are not too sweet, as their intended filling is smoked, salty fish. For a sweeter plain scone, add another tablespoon or two of sugar.

**Irish Scones With Smoked Salmon**
Makes 10

**Ingredients:**
- 3 cups all-purpose flour, plus more for patting out dough
- 2 tablespoons sugar
- 1 tablespoon baking powder
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt
- 3/4 cup (1-1/2 sticks) chilled unsalted butter, cut into pieces
- 1 cup whole milk
- 1 egg yolk
- 1 whole egg
- About 3 tablespoons softened unsalted butter, for serving
- 1/2 pound good-quality smoked salmon

**Directions:**

**1.** Heat oven to 400 degrees. Line a baking sheet with parchment. Lightly flour a clean work surface.

**2.** In large mixing bowl, stir together flour, sugar, baking powder and salt. Using a pastry cutter, two knives or your fingers, cut butter into flour mixture until mixture resembles coarse cornmeal, with no piece of butter larger than a pea.

**3.** In small bowl, combine milk and egg yolk. Stir into dry ingredients just until mixture comes together.

**4.** Turn dough onto floured work surface, and roll or pat out to 1-1/4-inch thick. Cut 2-1/2-inch circles with biscuit cutter, as close as possible to one another. Gently pat together scraps and cut out another 2 or 3 circles. Place pieces on prepared baking sheet at least 1 inch apart.

**5.** Beat whole egg with 1 teaspoon of water in small bowl and brush lightly on tops of scones.

**6.** Bake until golden brown, about 15 minutes. Transfer to wire rack to cool until barely warm.

**7.** Split scones in half, then spread with butter and layer bottom halves with salmon. Replace tops.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

**These scones are not too sweet as their intended filling is smoked, salty salmon; if you're trying to be super authentic, source some wild Atlantic salmon — adored in Ireland.** CONTRIBUTED

### A CUT ABOVE

What does it mean to "cut" the butter into the flour mixture?
The butter is added cold, in small pieces, and is incorporated into the dry ingredients so that it is well distributed but maintains a pebbly texture.
That way, when the scones bake, the butter melts into the dough and creates flaky scones with tiny pockets of air to keep the texture light.
Use a pastry cutter, two butter knives or quick rubbing movements with your fingers to work in the butter without creaming it into the dough, which would create a denser scone.

DRINKING

# Ireland the perfect gateway to whiskey

Irish whiskey used to be the liquor world's original two-party system. You could have a Jameson. Or you could have a Bushmills.

Those days are well and truly over. With 30-something choices at the LCBO, alone, lucky revellers this St. Patrick's Day will have no shortage of options for when they want to raise a glass of Irish. That's a fraction of what's available globally, of course. Abroad, we'd be able to sample one of several new releases: Roe & Co, a premium blend, Trader Joe's own brand or, for music fans, the Pogues' own signature brand, which still hasn't reached our shores.

But back to Jameson for a moment. To a sizable degree, Jameson is responsible for the Irish whiskey boom. Many bartenders still make it their shot of choice because of its blue-collar appeal (it's like Pabst Blue Ribbon for beer drinkers). And it's because of that blue-collar thing that Jason Masse, head bartender at Allen's, one of Toronto's best-known Irish bars, says Jameson was always more popular than Bushmills.

"I think Jameson is still the go-to in that it's the original and I think it was most peoples' first foray into Irish whiskey," Masse says. "Irish has certainly come a long way, though, and there's certainly a much more diverse selection now."

Masse has seen a tremendous uptick in patrons looking to try something new. He says you can't ever go wrong with Redbreast, which he calls "quintessential Irish."

Like something more complex and creamy? Then Green Spot is your ticket. And for people who favour simplicity, a straight-up, classic, sweet flavour profile of Writers Tears is perfect. Masse says it's hard to err with Irish, which is why, whenever he has a guest who wants to learn about whiskey, he almost always starts them with that spirit.

"It's generally very smooth," he says. "It's the perfect gateway whiskey." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

# A slice of the black stuff

RECIPE

## Guinness adds creamy, intense depth to cake

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Happy St. Patrick's Day everyone! While I love green beer as much as the next guy, I like to celebrate Canada's Irish heritage with a bit more of a sophisticated flavour profile — what they like to call 'the black stuff."

Enter my ooey, gooey chocolate-overload Guinness cake — you've never tasted anything like it. The addition of a generous pour of Guinness to the batter is the secret to this knockout cake's deeply caramelized flavour and melt-in-your-mouth texture. The crumb is moist and dark, but heavy and satisfying at the same time. The ganache adds a whole other layer of intensity; also spiked with stout, it's creamy and intense and the malt flavour blends with the cocoa to up the chocolatey power even more.

**This Guinness cake is a gooey chocolate overload.** CONTRIBUTED

### Chocolate Guinness Cake

**Makes 12 servings.**

**Ingredients:**

- 3 cups (450 g) all-purpose flour (more for pans)
- 2 tsp baking soda
- 1-1/4 cups (280 g) unsalted butter (more for pans)
- 1-1/4 cups (310 mL) Guinness beer or a local stout
- 1 cup (100 g) cocoa powder
- 1-1/2 cups (315 g) lightly packed brown sugar
- 1/2 cup (105 g) sugar
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 3 eggs, lightly beaten
- 3/4 cup (180 ml) sour cream

For the ganache:

- 16 oz(450 g) dark chocolate, chopped
- 1/2 cup (125 mL) Guinness stout
- 2/3 cup (150 mL) 35% heavy cream
- 1/4 cup (60 mL) light corn syrup
- 1/2 cup (115 g) cold unsalted butter, diced

**Directions:**

**1.** With the rack in middle position, preheat oven to 350 F (180 C). Line two 8-inch (20 cm) springform pans with parchment paper. Butter and flour the sides.

**2.** In a bowl, combine flour and baking soda. Set aside. In a saucepan over medium heat, melt the butter with the beer and cocoa powder, stirring with a whisk. Let cool.

**3.** In a large bowl, combine brown sugar, sugar and salt. With a whisk, add the lukewarm butter mixture alternately with dry ingredients and eggs.

**4.** Add sour cream and stir until mixture is smooth. Divide batter among pans and bake for about 50 minutes or until a toothpick inserted into the centre of each cake comes out clean. Unmould and cool.

**5.** To make the ganache, place the chocolate in a bowl.

**6.** In a saucepan, bring beer, cream and syrup to a boil. Remove from heat and pour over chocolate. Let stand for 1 minute.

**7.** With a whisk, gently stir mixture until the chocolate has completely melted. Add the butter and stir until smooth. Refrigerate for 1 hour or until the ganache is spreadable but not too thick. If needed, microwave a few seconds at a time and stir until spreadable.

**8.** Cut and discard the rounded tops of each cake. Spread one-quarter of the ganache onto one layer.

**9.** Top with the second cake layer and frost with the remaining ganache.

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## ROSE REISMAN THE SAVVY EATER

**THIS WEEK: Chicken and rice soup vs chicken corn chowder**

A hearty soup doesn't have to be full of fat.

### PICK THIS

**Campbell's Chunky Chicken with Rice (per 250ml)**

**Calories** 110
**Fat** 2.5g
**Saturated Fat** 1g
**Sodium** 770mg

### SKIP THIS

**Campbell's Chunky Chicken Corn Chowder (per 250ml)**

**Calories** 300
**Fat** 19g
**Saturated Fat** 4g
**Sodium** 850mg

### HERE'S WHY Equivalent in fat to 2 Grilled Chicken Sandwiches from Wendy's

A warm bowl of soup containing chicken and veggies is always comforting and satisfying. While both of these soups offer that, the cream in the Chicken Corn Chowder takes this from meal to mayhem, with over seven times more fat and three times the calories, simply due to the cream and butter. Using just broth as the base, the Chicken with Rice soup is sustaining without the extra calories and fat.

## LIQUID ASSETS PETER ROCKWELL

# Raise the red flag, Spain's reign has begun

The longest running liquid-themed joke in Canada over the last few years has been that Spanish wine will be the next big thing. While wine writers, me included, have predicted the rise of Spain over and over, you, the consumer, kept getting distracted by something shinier from elsewhere.

Well, with sales at an all-time high, the reign of Spain has finally come. It deserves the attention.

One of the largest wine producers on Earth, the variety of juice it pumps out is unprecedented. When combined with its balance of ultra-modern and über-classical packaging, there's a bottle for every wine lover.

Though it makes its fair share of whites worth trying, it really is a red-centric country. To get a taste for three of its primary red grapes try Monasterio de las Viñas' 2005 Gran Reserva ($17.95-$22.99).

A blend of Garnacha, Tempranillo and Cariñena, the fruit spends an unprecedented 24 months in oak before seeing bottle. You'd be hard pressed to find a wine this old, smooth and inexpensive from any other country.

*Prices reflect the range across the country. Some products may not be available in all provinces.*

## RAPINI ON RISE

**Green tries to shade kale**

Rapini, a.k.a. broccoli rabe, is out to "rabe" kale of its superfood status.

To achieve this feat, marketers for D'Arrigo Brothers' Andy Boy brand have cooked up dozens of new ways to prepare the former wild mustard green, which the original Andy Boy domesticated back in the 1930s.

Rapini contains more iron and fibre than kale, twice the zinc of Swiss chard, and beats spinach as a source of calcium. It's low in calories and high in Vitamin A, the anti-wrinkle vitamin. At nearly 93 per cent water, it also helps us feel full longer.

D'Arrigo sales specialist Claudia Pizarro-Villalobos says the recipe campaign has helped broaden rapini's appeal. She's especially excited about Andy Boy's latest smoothie, which pairs the bitter green with almond butter, hemp seed, almond milk and dates. This powerful green adds a bold flavour to classic Italian recipes like hearty pasta with sausage. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE


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# Rogue refresh won't unseat rivals

HANDOUT

REVIEW

## Superficial updates not enough to take the top spot

Dan Ilika
AutoGuide.com

The Nissan Rogue has gone from afterthought to in demand, climbing the sales charts to crack the top-five best-selling CUVs in Canada and the United States.

That means the Rogue is rubbing fenders with the likes of the Ford Escape and Honda CR-V. But as overhauled versions of both hit dealer lots in recent months — and a new Mazda CX-5 on its way in the near future — the Rogue seems suddenly outdated.

Which is where this mid-cycle refresh comes in. The Rogue looks even more like a baby Pathfinder than before, but Nissan definitely played it safe with the update.

The cabin has been spruced up, slightly, to include a new flat-bottom steering wheel, as well as a new center console design, a new shifter, and some updated trim panels on the doors and dash. The fabric used on the seats has also been replaced, while a fancy new trim package adds quilted leather upholstery to top-of-the-line SL models.

Our tester came finished in mid-grade SV trim, which leaves a lot to be desired. There's plenty of hard touch plastics and the fabric on the seats doesn't feel great either. Making matters worse is the Rogue SV's basic infotainment system. With a five-inch display in the dash, what you see is what you get and what you get is little more than audio and rearview camera functionality.

The interior of the Rogue SV has comfortable seats that come heated up front and a sliding second row that offers plenty of legroom. The Rogue can move a family of four with ease. It's also capable of squeezing an extra passenger or two thanks to the available third row of seats, making the Rogue the smallest three-row crossover on the North American market.

Stick to a five-passenger configuration and there's a decent amount of cargo room in the Rogue. The seats-up space is on par with the likes of the 2017 CR-V, though the Honda does offer more room with them folded.

None of the Rogue's mechanics were changed as part of the refresh, which means the same four-cylinder engine carries over for 2017. Output is respectable, however, the Rogue's continuously variable transmission whines and moans like a cat in heat during acceleration. Thankfully the Rogue's cabin is pretty quiet otherwise, without much road noise making it inside.

As for the ride itself, it's a little stiff and truck-like, but does pretty well to absorb bumps in the road. The steering is a little vague, but the variable steering ratio is an added bonus and gives it a lighter feel at lower speeds, making it easier to maneuver.

With an updated look and little else, the 2017 Nissan Rogue isn't likely to unseat the segment-leading CR-V anytime soon.

## THE CHECKLIST | 2017 NISSAN ROGUE

**THE BASICS**

**Engine:** 2.5 litre four-cylinder
**Output:** 170 horsepower, 175 pound-feet of torque
**Transmission:** Continuously variable auto
**Fuel Economy (L/100 km):** 9.6 city, 7.4 highway (AWD)
**Price:** $35,793 as-tested (destination included)

**LOVE IT**

- Updated styling
- Reasonable ride

**LEAVE IT**

- Outdated infotainment system
- Pricey Star Wars package (pictured left)
- Whiney CVT

# Formula 1 legend unveils dream car

FITTIPALDI

## Vision in yellow

Formula 1 legend Emerson Fittipaldi just unveiled the car of his dreams, the Fittipaldi EF7 Vision Gran Turismo at the Geneva Motor Show.

Fittipaldi partnered with Pininfarina, the Italian carrozzeria, and German engineering firm HWA AG on the superconcept. The sculpted all-carbon shape is staggeringly pretty, ruthlessly functional and focused in racy kinda way. The EF7 promises professional level performance. It will have a limited production run with bespoke options; it's unlikely two EF7s will be alike. MICHAEL ACCARDI/AUTOGUIDE.COM

RACEMO

## Let's get phygital

Indian automaker Tata Motors has introduced the sub-brand Tamo at the Geneva Motor Show.

The first of Tamo's innovations is Racemo, a two-seater sports coupe the company calls the first globally developed "phygital" car, merging the physical and digital worlds. Thanks to Microsoft, the Racemo is also India's first connected car, bringing alive connected technologies like cloud computing, analytics, geo-spatial and mapping, as well as human-machine interface. There's also a race version called the Racemo+. JASON SIU/AUTOGUIDE.COM

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X-TRAIL

## Doggone Nissan

Nissan has introduced a new concept tailored for our furry friends, the X-Trail 4Dogs.

No this isn't a joke. Nissan is incorporating accessories for your four-legged pet. In the rear of the X-Trail 4Dogs concept, the automaker has added a quilted cargo area, a shower, a spill-proof water bowl and a treat dispenser. There's a ramp to allow dogs to enter easily and a special clip for harnesses. The 360 shower wraps around the dog so the user doesn't get wet, while a built-in blowdryer nozzle is handy to get rid of the wet-dog smell. There's even a 10-inch screen so they can see what the passengers are doing. This also allows the driver to check on the dogs from the cockpit. Sadly, it's unlikely this concept will make it to production. JASON SIU/AUTOGUIDE.COM

CONCEPT

## Orchid inspires hypercar

The Vanda Electrics' Dendrobium has a top speed of over 300 km/h. But that's not all.

Coming from Singapore, the Dendrobium was developed with the help of Williams Advanced Engineering. The company says the hypercar can go from zero-to-95 km/h in just 2.7 seconds while pushing out 1,000 horsepower. The car serves as a high-performance halo project for Vanda Electrics. With a striking design, the Dendrobium certainly looks the part of a hypercar, especially with all the doors opened. The synchronized door mechanism was inspired by a genus of orchids native to Singapore, which is where the Dendrobium name comes from. JASON SIU/AUTOGUIDE.COM

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## AUTO NEWS

**Ford using whoopee cushion concept for seat comfort**

A patent filed by Ford reveals a bladder system for seats. The automaker applied for the patent on September 3, 2015, but it wasn't published until now. Ford is looking to incorporate a seat bladder between a support and trim material face that is positively pressurized (filled up) when the seat is unoccupied. The system uses an elastomeric reservoir paired with the seat bladder via a fluid line.

Basically, when no one is sitting on the seat, the bladder is filled with air so that the seat appears to be flat. But once a passenger sits down, the air is moved out of the bladder and into a reservoir allowing the passenger to sink lower into the seat, providing comfort as well as headroom. JASON SIU/AUTOGUIDE.COM

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# 6 BEST-SELLING CARS IN CHINA

China is the biggest automotive market in the world, with the country selling and making more cars than anywhere else on the planet. But what's interesting is what that market consists of. The Chinese automotive landscape is very different from Canada's. Here are the most popular cars that are made in China, in terms of sales, based on the numbers from China Auto Web and the China Passenger Car Association (CPCA). **SAMI HAJ-ASSAAD/AUTOGUIDE.COM**

## 1 Wuling Hongguang

The most popular car sold in the Chinese market is the Wuling Hongguang with 650,018 units sold in 2016. The Hongguang has seats for seven passengers, proving once again how popular the versatile minivan body style can be.

## 2 Great Wall Haval H6, H6 Sport and H6 Coupe

The Chinese market is like ours in one big way, a love for spacious crossovers. The Great Wall Haval H6 is special because it is a truly Chinese car, with no input or help from another automaker through a joint venture. It's offered with four-wheel drive and the option of gas or diesel engines. An unbelievable 580,683 of them were sold last year, but that number also includes various models including the Sport and Coupe.

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## 3 VW Lavida

The best selling sedan is the VW Lavida — which, what do you know, is a facelifted VW Jetta of some kind. We don't know what they're putting in these cars that make them so popular, but somehow 478,699 of them were sold.

## 4 Buick Excelle GT

Buick has a strong reputation in China and 370,370 of these Excelle GTs were sold last year. Does it look familiar? It should, as this is sold elsewhere as the Opel Astra, or more commonly on our roads as the Buick Verano.

## 5 Baojun 730

A strange one on the list, the Baojun 730 is a minivan. Over 370,000 of these were sold in China, which is a lot of seven-seaters! Buyers can choose between a 1.5-litre or 1.8-litre four-cylinder engine.

## 6 Nissan Sylphy

The Sylphy is basically a Sentra, but in China, the car is offered with two naturally aspirated four-cylinder engines. The 1.8-litre model is similar to our North American model, making around 130 horsepower while the Chinese model is also offered with a less powerful 1.6-litre engine. The other big difference between the North American and Chinese model is where they're built, as these ones are made by the Dongfeng Motor Company in Guangzhou. Last year, 367,979 new models found owners in China.

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# Civic: Lost in transformation

Whenever we see a concept or prototype for a new model reveal, it's likely we'll be disappointed by the real deal. When we first saw the Civic Type R prototype, we were blown away — the way Honda transformed the mainstream Civic compact sedan into something more sinister and bad-ass was jaw-dropping, but in the back of our minds, we knew not all aspects would make the production version. Here's how the prototype compares to the real thing. **SAMI HAJ-ASSAAD** AUTOGUIDE.COM

**1 Side markers**
The amber corner lights on the production model were slick-looking and tinted black on the prototype.

**2 Front intake**
The lower front intake is smaller on the production version, or at least the lighter paint job makes it look less intimidating.

**3 Bumper openings**
The gills on the side of the intake seemed larger and more pronounced on the prototype.

**4 Headlight washer**
The production version has bumps hiding headlight washers, while the sleek prototype didn't.

**5 Red exhaust tip**
While both have three exhaust exits, the prototype had a metallic red center exhaust that's missing here.

**6 Ground effects**
Both cars feature a serious ground effects package. However, on the prototype, the front splitter, rear diffuser and side skirts were all carbon fibre — with the production model using a look-alike material.

INNOVATION

# New Cadillacs can 'talk' to other cars on the road

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The Cadillac CTS sedan now comes standard with Vehicle-to-Vehicle (V2V) communications.

Beginning with 2017 interim model year cars that are in production now, the Cadillac CTS can share information that can be used to alert drivers to upcoming potential hazards. The American automaker's V2V solution uses Dedicated Short-Range Communications (DSRC) and GPS, with the potential to handle 1,000 messages per second from vehicles up to nearly 1,000 feet away. That means the sedan can prompt alerts for hard braking, slippery conditions and disabled vehicles ahead of time, giving ample warning to the driver.

For example, when the car approaches an intersection, the system scans the vicinity for other vehicles and tracks their positions, directions and speeds with alerts appearing in the instrument cluster and available head-up display. Owners can customize these alerts that appear on their Cadillac user experience infotainment system.

**Cadillacs with V2V technology are now in production.** HANDOUT

Unfortunately only vehicles equipped with compatible V2V systems will be able to communicate with one another, but the technology is expected to roll out from more automakers in the coming years. Multiple V2V-equipped vehicles are able to create an ad hoc wireless network to transfer information without relying on sight lines, good weather conditions or cellular coverage. The 2017 Cadillac CTS sedan's V2V technology operates on the 5.9 GHz spectrum allocated by the Federal Communications Commission.

"From the introduction of air bags, to the debut of OnStar, Cadillac continues its heritage of pioneering safety and connectivity advances," said Richard Brekus, Cadillac global director of product strategy. "V2V essentially enables the car to sense around corners. Connecting vehicles through V2V holds tremendous potential, as this technology enables the car to acquire and analyze information outside the bounds of the driver's field of vision. As an early mover, we look forward to seeing its benefit multiply as more V2V-equipped vehicles hit the road."

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# If Herbie was a family car

SEDRIC

## Mobility concept: Self-driving pod from VW AG

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**Matthias Mueller, CEO of Volkswagen, with the autonomous concept car.** HANDOUT

No, this car isn't a Volkswagen. Not specifically, anyway. Nor is it a car, in the traditional sense. Sedric (that's short for SElf DRIving Car) is a "mobility concept" for the whole Volkswagen Group.

That means that this four-wheeled contraption doesn't, like most cars, have a fifth for steering in front of the driver, because this level-five autonomous car never lets any human drive it. Instead, you get in, sit down, enter a location and a ring lets you know when you'll arrive at your location. So it's kind of like Sedric lets you download locations (a simile I'm sure has given a Silicon-Valley-type their wings).

Sedric was revealed today at the 2017 Geneva Motor Show and is the next step in VW's post dieselgate plan, TOGETHER 2025. Much like the I.D., Sedric is an all-electric concept, with battery packs under the floor and an electric engine tucked away between the wheels.

Its lack of a driver's seat, though, means that anyone can get in Sedric and go somewhere. According to VW, that makes it perfect for the young and the infirm. In fact, it's even been designed to be used by people with impaired eyesight. Alternatively, the car could be used by busy parents to, say, pick up their kids from school.

Sedric has also been designed to talk to its passengers and interact with them. That means that you can make spur of the moment decisions along the way, like stopping for a bathroom break. Of course, if you prefer, you can just close your eyes and choose to simulate long distance space travel by waking up at your destination.

Unlike a traditional car, you'll have the option to buy Sedric or share it. If you choose to buy it, you can get it as one of VW's many brands. The new concept is designed for four people, with the rear seats designed as a couch (or bench as it's often referred to) and an OLED windshield that can project images onto the road ahead.

CONCEPT

# Flying cars could be on the horizon

Flying cars may not be as far fetched as you may think.

Making its world premiere at the 2017 Geneva Motor Show, Italdesign and Airbus have shown off the Pop.Up, the first modular, fully electric, zero-emission concept vehicle system designed to relieve traffic congestion in crowded megacities. The two companies worked together to come up with a modular system for multi-modal transportation, taking advantage of both ground and airspace.

Technically the Pop.Up isn't so much a flying car than it is a flying pod. The idea is that a vehicle shaped as a passenger capsule can be paired with two different and independent electric-propelled modules — a ground module and an air module. Other public means of transportation could also integrate the Pop.Up capsule, like trains or hyperloops.

The pod is a monocoque carbon fiber cocoon that can transform itself into a city car by simply coupling to the ground module, which features a carbon fiber chassis and is battery powered. It can also take to the air by means of the air module, propelled by eight counter-rotating rotors.

In a perfect world, the air and ground modules would return autonomously to dedicated recharge stations while waiting for their next customers.

While this may all seem like something out of a sci-fi movie, Airbus and Italdesign believe it could be a reality within seven to 10 years. They're hoping other partnerships could emerge as a result of showing off the concept at Geneva this year.

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**Pop.Up concept.** GETTY IMAGES

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# Is the CIA plotting to hack self-driving cars?

WIKILEAKS

## Assassinations could be virtually undetectable

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Recently, WikiLeaks began a new series of leaks on the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) under the code name "Vault 7."

WikiLeaks says it's the largest-ever publication of confidential documents on the agency and the first full part of the series includes 8,761 documents and files from an isolated, high-security network situated inside the CIA's Center for Cyber Intelligence in Langley, Virginia.

There's a lot that these documents allege, but one of the most shocking is the following statement: "As of October 2014 the CIA was also looking at infecting the vehicle control systems used by modern cars and trucks. The purpose of such control is not specified, but it would permit the CIA to engage in nearly undetectable assassinations."

**As of October 2014 the CIA was also looking at infecting the vehicle control systems used by modern cars and trucks**
WikiLeaks

**It might seem like a plot fit only for a dystopian future but in 2015, security researchers were able to remotely hack a 2014 Jeep Cherokee through its infotainment system while a reporter from Wired was behind the wheel.** ISTOCK

We already know that cars can be hacked, as was demonstrated in 2015 with the Jeep Cherokee. WikiLeaks links to meeting notes from 2014 that lists "potential mission areas" for the CIA's Embedded Devices Branch, which includes "Vehicle Systems" and "QNX."

Unfortunately the documents don't appear to go into details on how the CIA intended to hack into vehicles. But it does introduce the question of how possible it would be for a hacker to take control of your vehicle and potentially crash it. And it's not entirely out of the question, considering security researchers Charlie Miller and Chris Valasek showed it was possible with the hack of the 2014 Jeep Cherokee through its Uconnect infotainment system.

While the prospect of self-driving cars and vehicle-to-vehicle communication has its benefits, it does raise security concerns and just how safe the technology can be to use.

Unfortunately, there isn't much the average consumer can do about cyber threats — it's really up to the automakers to take security seriously as we enter a new age of self-driving and autonomous vehicles.

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# Villanova feeling the pressure to repeat

**LEAFS PANTHERS OFFENCE FIRES ON ALL CYLINDERS** Nick Bjugstad celebrates a Panthers goal against Maple Leafs goaltender Frederik Andersen on Tuesday in Sunrise, Fla. Jonathan Marchessault scored a pair of goals and the Panthers had their way in a 7-2 win. JOEL AUERBACH/GETTY IMAGES

NHL

## Ovechkin ends goal drought, Caps win

Alex Ovechkin ended the longest goal-scoring drought of his career as the Washington Capitals held on to beat the Minnesota Wild 4-2 Tuesday night and snap a season-worst four-game losing streak.

Ovechkin hadn't scored in 10 games or had an even-strength goal in 18 before firing a one-timer by league save percentage leader Devan Dubnyk in the second period. Ovechkin's 28th goal of the season came one second after a power play expired. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MARCH MADNESS

## Florida was last school to go back-to-back in 2006, '07

Kris Jenkins buried the three-pointer that sparked book deals, red carpet photo ops, a White House trip, a handful of award banquets and hundreds of perks that come with winning a national championship.

But the national title did come with a tinge of pressure that lingered into this season — can Villanova beat the odds and become the first back-to-back national champs in 10 years?

"It's always a reminder that everybody expects you to do it again," coach Jay Wright said. "That's part of the challenge. When people say it's hard to repeat, that's part of why it's hard to repeat, is because you have to deal with those expectations all the time, those constant reminders of last year."

The reminders of April were impossible to ignore this season.

So were the warnings for the rest of the NCAA Tournament bracket that this season's Wildcats just might be better than last year's edition.

"I don't know if we're better," Big East player of the year Josh Hart said. "I just know that we're playing just as well at the end of the season."

Villanova players celebrate after **Kris Jenkins** sank the championship-winning three-pointer to defeat North Carolina last year in Houston. RONALD MARTINEZ/GETTY IMAGES

Duke, Kansas and North Carolina are championship favourites at the Las Vegas casinos. But the shot at basketball history has helped drive the Wildcats (31-3) toward becoming the first repeat champs since Florida in 2006 and 2007.

> **We're not afraid of failure ... as long as we play hard for each other, we're good.**
> Villanova coach Jay Wright

Led by coach Billy Donovan, the Gators were loaded with NBA talent and the five starters from the '06 team bypassed the pros for a chance to repeat. Joakim Noah, Al Horford and Corey Brewer sacrificed NBA riches and helped the Gators breeze through the regular season and earn the No. 1 overall seed in the NCAA Tournament. Florida beat Ohio State in the title game and became the first program since Duke in 1992 to repeat.

"Anytime you win like that, and you have your whole starting team come back, the expectations change, and in a lot of ways, you get critiqued under a microscope, and sometimes, that can take the joy out of it," Donovan said. "It's like, you win, but you didn't win by enough. You lost, but you shouldn't. All those things get factored in."

The Wildcats, who won Big East season and tournament titles, are the first defending champion to earn the tournament's overall top seed since Florida in 2007. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## BASEBALL

**Jays fall short vs. Red Sox**
Steve Selsky's two-run double in the bottom of the eighth inning led the Boston Red Sox to a 5-4 win over the Toronto Blue Jays in pre-season baseball action Tuesday.

Melvin Upton Jr. and Mike Ohlman both hit solo home runs for Toronto, while Darwin Barney drove in a pair of runs on a sacrifice fly and RBI single.

Danny Barnes took the loss for Toronto (5-11).
THE CANADIAN PRESS

**Price likely headed for DL**
Boston Red Sox left-hander David Price is likely to start the season on the disabled list because of his sore pitching elbow.

Starting the second season of a $217-million, seven-year contract, Price has not yet appeared in an exhibition game.
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**Japan moves closer to WBC championship round**
Tetsuto Yamada hit two home runs to lead Japan to an 8-5 win over Cuba in the World Baseball Classic on Tuesday.

Two-time champion Japan improved to 2-0 in Pool E and can advance to the March 20-22 championship round in Los Angeles with a win over Israel (1-1) on Wednesday. The top two teams in the group advance.
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# From Cuba with slug

MLB

## Defence says pair helped smuggled players legally

U.S. federal prosecutors told jurors in Miami Tuesday that a Florida sports agent and a baseball trainer orchestrated an illegal Cuban ballplayer smuggling ring to get rich by making it easier for the players to escape the communist island and sign lucrative Major League Baseball contracts.

Defence lawyers countered that agent Bartolo Hernandez and trainer Julio Estrada stayed within the law while helping players navigate the complexities Cuban defectors must overcome to play in the big-leagues.

Now that closing arguments are done, jurors are expected to begin deliberations Wednesday morning after six weeks of testimony. Hernandez and Estrada are charged with conspiracy and alien smuggling.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Michael "Pat" Sullivan said trial evidence showed the pair decided to persuade leaders of an existing, sometimes violent human smuggling network based in Cancun, Mexico, to switch from bringing regular Cuban citizens off the island for $10,000 each to the big-payday possibilities of elite Cuban ballplayers.

Bartolo Hernandez, left, and Julio Estrada THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

"They would all get rich," Sullivan said.

Jose Abreu GETTY IMAGES

Cuban players must establish residency in a third country such as Mexico or Haiti before they can be declared MLB free agents and are cleared by the U.S. government from the economic embargo against Cubans. Much of Sullivan's argument focused on player residency documents and travel papers filled with falsehoods, such as fake jobs and addresses, and evidence of bribes paid to Mexican immigration officials.

"This was a scam," Sullivan said. "They are chock full of misrepresentations and lies throughout."

Testimony showed Estrada's company got 30 per cent of the player contracts and Hernandez got five per cent. Some of the bigger names among the nearly three dozen smuggled include Jose Abreu of the Chicago White Sox, who signed a $68 million deal; the Seattle Mariners' Leonys Martin, who got a $15.5 million contract; and Adeiny Hechavarria of the Miami Marlins, who signed for $10 million.

Lawyers for Hernandez and Estrada sought to distance them from any criminal aspects of the smuggling venture.

They said neither man encouraged players to come to the U.S. illegally and that neither was involved directly with the smuggling of players by boat from Cuba.

Hernandez simply negotiated deals with the teams as a sports agent, his attorneys said.

"What the government has done is, they have tried to convict Bart Hernandez by association," said defence lawyer Daniel Rashbaum. "He is absolutely, 100 per cent innocent."

Defence lawyers pointed out that none of the 33 Cuban players associated with Hernandez and Estrada have had their legal U.S. status revoked or lost their permission to play baseball in North America.

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**"You heard from these players — they were desperate to leave. They wanted to be free. Julio always encouraged the players to do things the right way.**

Sabrina Puglisi, Julio Estrada's attorney


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MLS

# Giovinco likely to miss Whitecaps test

Star striker Sebastian Giovinco received treatment for a painful charley horse, muscle spasm, Tuesday as his Toronto FC teammates trained in advance of this week's trip to Vancouver.

With a long plane ride to B.C. Place Stadium and the knowledge that next week is a bye, keeping the Atomic Ant as snug as a bug back home may be an option.

After Saturday's game with the Whitecaps (0-1-1), Toronto (0-0-2) doesn't play again until the March 31 home opener against Sporting Kansas City. Toronto coach Greg Vanney said Giovinco was questionable for Vancouver.

**Sebastian Giovinco** GETTY IMAGES

The Italian had to helped off during Saturday's 2-2 tie in Philadelphia when defender Oguchi Onyewu caught him with a knee to the right thigh in a challenge. THE CANADIAN PRESS

## IN BRIEF

**Spurs' Kane injures ankle**

Tottenham says striker Harry Kane damaged ligaments in his right ankle during the team's FA Cup quarter-final match against Millwall.

The Premier League club says the injury is similar to the one sustained by Kane in a league game against Sunderland in September, which ruled the England international out for seven weeks. Spurs say "however it is not considered to be as severe." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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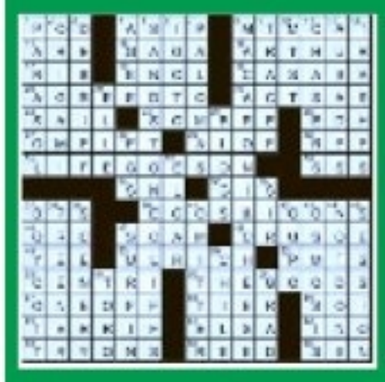

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# Foxes into last 8 and dreaming even bigger

CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

## Longshot kings Leicester put two past Sevilla to progress

**Leicester's Marc Albrighton** scores his team's second goal in the second leg against Sevilla. MICHAEL REGAN/GETTY IMAGES

The fairytale rise of Leicester touched new heights on Tuesday when the English champion reached the Champions League quarter-finals for the first time with a 2-0 home win over Sevilla.

Leicester's 2-1 deficit from the first leg in southern Spain was turned into a 3-2 victory on aggregate at an atmospheric King Power Stadium thanks to Wes Morgan's close-range strike in the 27th minute and Marc Albrighton's goal in the 54th.

Sevilla — which had playmaker Samir Nasri sent off in the 74th minute on his second booking for a headbutt — would have taken the game to extra time if Steven N'Zonzi had converted a penalty in the 79th. Instead, it was saved by Kasper Schmeichel, who made amends for giving away the spot kick.

Exactly two years ago, Leicester was in last place in the Premier League after a draw with Hull.

Now, as the unlikely champion of England after winning last season's Premier League at odds of 5,000-1, the previously unheralded club from central England can look forward to being involved in Friday's quarter-finals draw in the Champions League with the likes of giants Barcelona, Real Madrid, Bayern Munich and Juventus

Sevilla was looking to qualify for the Champions League quarter-finals for the first time but couldn't match the intensity of the home side. As for Leicester, life just gets better in its first season in Europe's top club competition. This was its third straight win under new boss Craig Shakespeare since last season's title-winning coach Claudio Ranieri was fired.

No team is likely to feel comfortable in the cauldron that is the King Power Stadium on nights like these.

"Let slip the dogs of war," urged a message on a giant banner behind one of the goals before the match. It was a line from 'Julius Caesar,' a play by William Shakespeare — the English playwright who has the same surname as Leicester's new manager.

Shakespeare recently took over from Claudio Ranieri, the coach who orchestrated Leicester's sensational Premier League title triumph but was fired because the team had found itself fighting a relegation battle in its championship defence.

Shakespeare has three wins from three matches in charge, and has got the team playing back at last season's levels.

"We tried to make it as uncomfortable as we could for Sevilla," said Shakespeare, who was pictured on that banner holding a dog on a leash. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## IN TURIN

Paulo Dybala's penalty earned a 1-0 win (3-0 on agg.) for Juventus over 10-man Porto in Tuesday's other Champions League quarter-final.

Dybala converted from the spot in the 42nd after Maxi Pereira was sent off for handling on the goal line.

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**Ingredients**
- 1 Tbsp vegetable oil
- 1 Tbsp lime juice
- 1 tsp soy sauce
- 1 tsp sesame oil
- 2 cloves of garlic minced
couple of grinds of black pepper
- 1 pound large shrimp
- 4 or 5 wooden skewers
- 2 or 3 cobs of corn
- 1 x 19 ounce can black beans
- 1 red pepper, diced
- 1/2 cup chopped cilantro
- 1 avocado, diced
- 4 Tbsp vegetable oil
- 3 Tbsp lime juice
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1/2 tsp cumin
- 1/4 tsp pepper
- 1 head Boston lettuce, washed, spun and chopped

**Directions**

**1.** Mix vegetable oil, lime juice, soy sauce, sesame oil, garlic and pepper in a bowl. Add shrimp, cover, and place in the fridge for about an hour. Soak skewers.

**2.** Oil grill and turn on high. Place corn on top and cook 15 to 20 minutes, turning every 5 minutes. Remove and allow to cool before slicing off the kernels. Mix corn, beans, chopped peppers and coriander in a bowl. Fold in avocado. Whisk oil, lime juice, salt, cumin and pepper. Dress the bean mixture.

**3.** Take shrimp out of fridge and put about three on each skewer. Barbecue for about six minutes. Allow to cool slightly before sliding them off the skewers.

**4.** On a serving plate, arrange the chopped lettuce and pile the beans and grilled shrimp on top.

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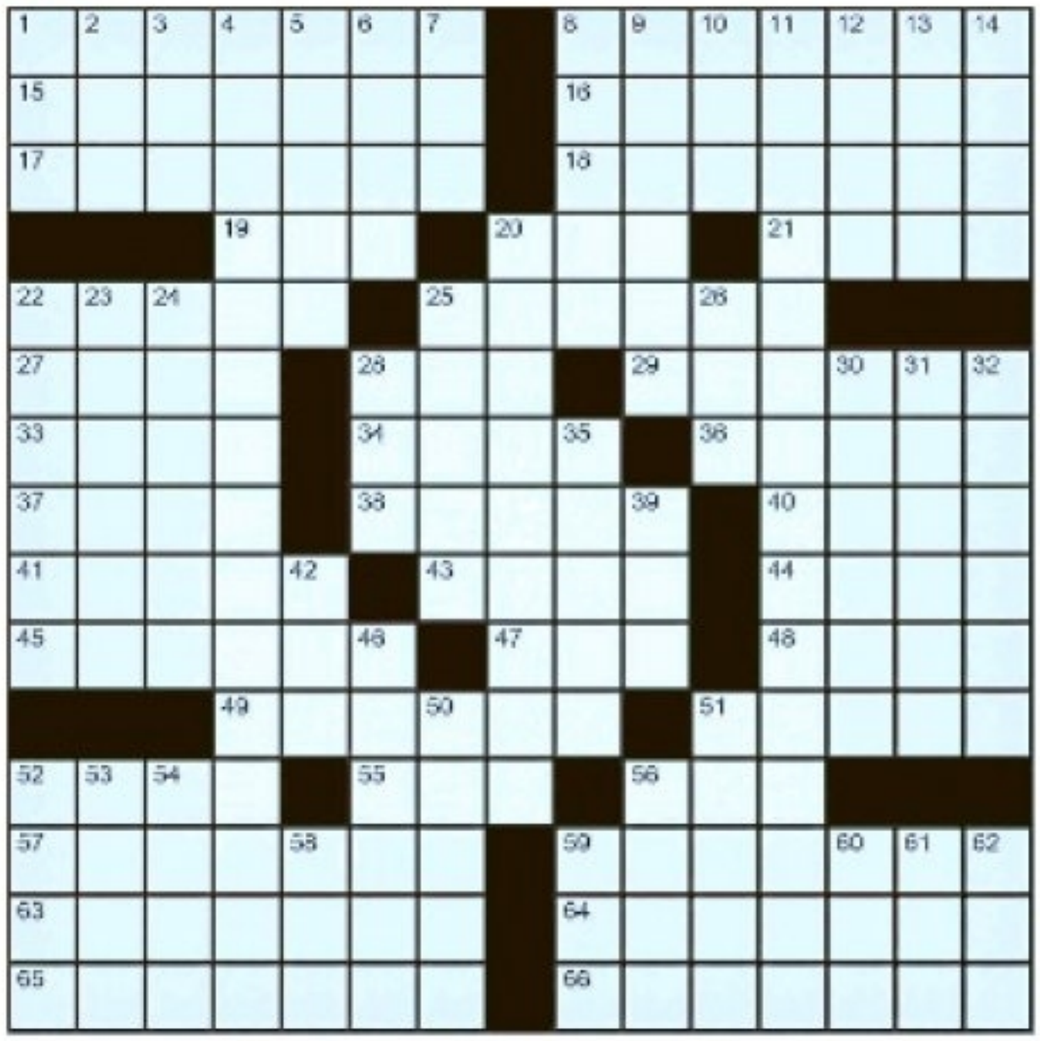

**ACROSS**
1. "The _ Always Rings Twice" (1981)
8. Cheekier
15. Castle fortress town in Portugal near the Spain border
16. Get
17. Nicely-illuminated
18. Vocalist's spans
19. Old music high note
20. "Face/Off" (1997) director John
21. One of a breath mint brand
22. Be noncommittal
25. Van Morrison song
27. Gym activity [abbr.]
28. Singers Scary or Sporty
29. Like 'light' food
33. Coca-_
34. Ons opposites
36. Clay-upon-clay creation
37. Gentleman's gesture, _ _ of the hat
38. Badger
40. "_ go Bragh!"
41. Actress, _ Campbell-Martin
43. Ostrich-like bird
44. AD = _ Domini
45. Canyon communicator
47. Former
48. Red _, Alberta
49. Who? What? Where? When? Why?: 2 wds.
51. _ River, Nunavut
52. Not kosher
55. '80s scandal-ridden televangelism org.
56. '100 Years...' movie org.
57. Natural home in the environment
59. "Star Trek: Voyager" actress Kate
63. TV personality/actress Carmen
64. Stopped, as production: 3 wds.
65. Variant-spelled namesakes of baseball great Mr. Jeter
66. Blue box items

**DOWN**
1. Hound's 'hand'
2. Corrida cheer
3. T-shirt size choices
4. 1900-built heritage site in Whitehorse that was a communications hub: 2 wds.
5. Thousand: French
6. Sarah McLachlan tune
7. Natalie Cole's father
8. Sweeper
9. Move away in shock
10. Play part
11. Uniquely-named beacon in PEI overlooking the Northumberland Strait: 3 wds.
12. Bee's abode
13. Best _ (Greatest)
14. Breather
20. It's a call in the wild: 2 wds.
22. _ Strait (It separates Haida Gwaii and mainland BC)
23. Demi Moore's dancing style in "Striptease" (1996)
24. "Yum-yum!"
25. Hold over
26. Headshakes
28. Gang
30. Art of "The Honeymooners"
31. Fashioned as some skirts
32. Edgar Allan Poe poem
35. Covers the falcon's eyes
39. Small amount
42. First three vowels
46. Campground for certain campers, curtly: 2 wds.
50. Singing legend Ms. James'
51. Piano's B key alternatively: letter + wd.
52. "Kathy Griffin: My Life on _ _-List"
53. Rattling breathing sound
54. Celebrity hairstylist Jose
56. Car
58. Transport for T.O. commuters
59. Literary fairy queen
60. Early-'60s singer Mr. Donner
61. 'Client' suffix (Patronage)
62. Scale amts.

# IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

**Aries** March 21 - April 20
Avoid squabbles about money and shared property today, because they quite likely will be nonproductive. Who wants to get involved with this? Not you.

**Taurus** April 21 - May 21
For most of this day, the Moon is opposite your sign, which means you have to go more than halfway when dealing with others. This simply requires a little patience and co-operation.

**Gemini** May 22 - June 21
Do what you can to clean up your act and get better organized today. However, don't be too pushy about it, or you might get into an argument with someone at work.

**Cancer** June 22 - July 23
Romantic partners will have to be patient with each other today. Likewise, parents will have to be patient with their kids, because there will be moments of tension. Oh dear.

**Leo** July 24 - Aug. 23
You might want to hide or cocoon at home today. This is just fine. Nevertheless, avoid squabbles with a female family member. Keep a low profile.

**Virgo** Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
You are highly charged with energy today, especially when dealing with siblings and daily contacts. Remember to listen to others. Take it easy.

**Libra** Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
You have strong feelings about your money, your cash flow and your possessions today, which is why you might get into an argument with someone.

**Scorpio** Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Today the Moon is in your sign, which brings you a little bit of extra good luck. However, this can create arguments with partners and close friends. Stay chill.

**Sagittarius** Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
You feel restless today. And because you feel restless, you might be mildly short-tempered with someone. Maintain your cool today. (You'll be glad you did.)

**Capricorn** Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
A conversation with a female acquaintance or friend will be significant today. What you want to do is avoid an argument, because that's no fun. Be cool.

**Aquarius** Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Disagreements with bosses and parents might break out at some point today. Don't say anything you will later regret. Be smart.

**Pisces**
Feb. 20 - March 20
This is an argumentative day for many people, because the Moon is opposite Mars. Don't get sucked in by this. Be your cool, sweet and charming self.

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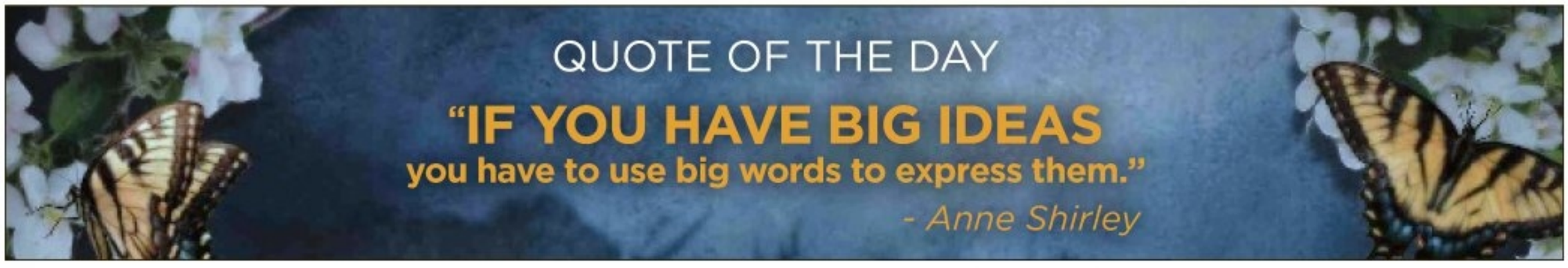

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